

Sacred Heart Church



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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Weekday: Mon.-Fri. 7:00am & 8:30am

Saturday: 8:30am

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:00pm

(Reconciliation Rooms are to the right of the Eucharistic Chapel)

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Fall Program Class Times

Grades 1st - 8th Tuesday: 5:30pm to 6:45pm

Grades 1st - 8th Wednesday: 5:30pm to 6:45pm

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Parish Registration

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please register at your earliest convenience by stopping by the Parish House during the office hours.

The Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome new life into the Church through the sacramental sign of Baptism which is celebrated **every Sunday of the month at 1:00pm** with the exception of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We encourage parents who wish to have their child baptized to call the Parish Secretary, Michele O'Toole, at 609-702-1848 ext. 301 or stop in and pick up a Baptism packet.

Once the Baptismal Preparation class is attended, the form completed and the Godparent Eligibility Certificates are turned in then a date for your child's Baptism will be set.

Baptismal Preparation

Catholic Godparents are required to complete an Eligibility Certificate and have the certificates signed by the pastor of the parish where they are currently registered and practicing their faith.

We offer a Baptismal Prep Class for parents as a way of preparing them for their child's journey of faith. Classes are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. Please contact the Parish Secretary to register.

Sacramental Sponsorship Letter

This is a form required to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. To receive this form the following requirements must be met:

- If married, be in a valid marriage according to the laws of the Catholic Church.
- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Completed the Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- Be a registered, active participant of a Parish.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Couples wishing to celebrate and consecrate their love in the Sacrament of Marriage are asked to call the Parish Secretary, Michele O'Toole at 609-702-1848 ext. 301.

Arrangements are to be made with the Pastor a year in advance of the requested date. At least one person should be a registered member of the parish. All couples are required to attend preparation sessions.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Any Catholic who is seriously ill, advanced in age, or who feels the need for the comforting presence of the Church's sacramental prayer life may be anointed. Please contact the Parish Office at 609-702-1848 ext. 301 during office hours. In the case of an emergency, please call and follow the instructions listed on our telephone message.

Funerals

In all cases, the family of the deceased parishioner should contact the funeral home directly. They will contact the Church to make further arrangements. For information regarding our Parish Cemetery, please call the Cemetery Office at 609-702-1848 ext 304

Care of the Sick, Homebound and Elderly:

The sick, the homebound and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please call the Parish House at 609-267-0209 ext. 305 for a visit.

Bulletin Articles

Articles for the Bulletin need to be submitted **No Later than Friday** to appear the next weekend (**9 days prior**). Articles can be emailed to

bulletins@parishofsacredheart.org

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 November 19th – November 25th

MONDAY

7:00am **Elizabeth H. White** Req. By Dave & Joelle Wentz

8:30am **Suzanne Pellerin Gagnon** Req. By Louise Lauerdiere

TUESDAY

7:00am **Walter J. Kwoka** Req. By The Redder Family

8:30am **Stanley Kiczek** Req. By His Family

WEDNESDAY

7:00am **The Special Intentions of The Magallon & Hibaler Families** Req. By The Family

8:30am **Al & Remedios Suguitan** Req. By Marcia Fields & Family

THURSDAY  **THANKSGIVING** 

9:00am **Marie Protano** Req. By Jean Dow

FRIDAY

7:00am **Tecla Czahur** Req. By Phil & Elaine Ryan

8:30am **Thomas F. Daly** Req. By The Carvin Family

SATURDAY

8:30AM **George & Theresa Kanyuck** Req. By Their Family

Francisca Monongdo Req. By The Amper Family

Dr. Sergio T. Santos Req. By The Amper Family

4:30pm **Kurt Brenner** Req. By Kurt & Karen Brenner & Family

SUNDAY

7:30am **The People of the Parish**

9:30am **Agnes Bernardyd** Req. By Bernadine Eppolito

11:30am **Bud Stellwag, Sr.** Req. By His Loving Family

7:00pm **Dante Dimen** Req. By The Fernan Family

The Devotional Candle in the Chapel of the Two Hearts



*Will Burn for in Loving Memory of:
 Stanley Kiczek*

Be one with Jesus in

Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration – Come and spend time in the quiet with Our Lord in the Chapel of the Two Hearts located next to the Parish House. Our Chapel is open for you and Jesus to spend some time during the following hours:
 Monday through Friday 9:00am to 8:30pm
 Saturday 9:00am to noon.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day: Sir 50:22-24;

1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

SUNDAY OFFERING

Weekly 11/10 – 11/11 \$ 14, 685.27

Thank you for the faithful and generous support that you continue to give to our Church.

GIVE THANKS FOR SIMPLE JOYS!

As families gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, we will see the overwhelming commercialization of Christmas. Are our children truly aware that Jesus is our best gift of all? There is a special way to teach them that Jesus is the reason for the season...

Parish Christmas Carol Festival

December 2nd – 3:00 PM

Sacred Heart Auditorium

Caroling & refreshments (free event)

Ask your family & friends to come!

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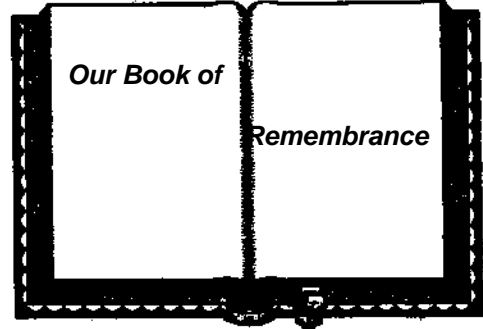
Please remember in your prayers:

Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia, John Madden, Millie Stellwag, Jessica Carter, Ann Graff, Nancy Beckett, Clyde Quin, Joy Geller Simmerman, Megan Dezur, Gail Marchese, Sister Priscilla Koblarchik, IHM, Heidi Manja Rountree, Greg MacDonald, Karen Buller, Bob Paccillo, Brandon Trojak, Joel Rivera, Donald McGhee, Benjamin & Molly Schuyler, Jenise Labron, Vickie Robles, Richard Dow, Clarence Pugh, III, Margaret & Gaylord Jeffers, Fred Hammer, Marty Wilkinson, Stephanie James, Eric Wall, Caellie Boyd, Nicholas Gonzalez, Dawn Vota, Betty Doviak, Ed Ciletti, Michael Dow, Marie Chirico, Janice Staff, Pat Adornetto, Nadia Nieves, Trey Nieves, Talia Rosko, Bobby Sumanga, Garrett Schwab, Frank Anton, Christopher Pierce, Renate Conners, Freddie J. Faber, III, Arleen Bishop, Maria Wolfe, Matthew Ottenwess, Matthew McDonald, Kristal Faber, Justin Beckett, Robert Lally, Tonya DeMaio, Olga Aponte, McKenzie Hunter, Gail Reilly, Alva Marino, Wayne Potts, Stephanie Martin, Corey Kaiser, Stella Grundahl, Daniel DeMaio, Sue Troise, Kay Weiss, Fredrick Naphys, Clara Hynes, Daniel Toussaint, Zoey Reed, Mason Damico, David McCoy, Lois Pedrick, John Rubino, Evan Martinez, Sabrina Kaiser, Celeste Bunn, Jenny Hand, Annabelle Ochipinti, Arthur Netti, Loretta Minakee, Christine, Patricia Parker, Wilma Peterson, Morgan Ackerman, Raymond Bishop, Dylan Crespo, Patricia O'Connor, Sharon Carroll, George Schneider, Marie Donahue, Peggy Stewart, Don & Mary Hartman, Michelle Schafle Reed

As a parish family, we remember all who are struggling or suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially those who have requested our prayers.

Please pray for the men and women now serving in the military, especially the loved ones of our parishioners who are serving overseas:

TSgt. Paul J. Stoshak U.S.A.F
Capt. Robert J. Boccio, U.S.A.F.
Douglas Schwenck, Army Reserve
Richard DeLorge U.S.M.C.
Peter Liedman, Dorinia Dibuono
Capt. James Rankin U.S.M.C.
SSgt Daniel E. Naro, Sgt. Alison Lyport
Sgt. Stephanie Robertson, U.S. Army
Sgt. Russell Norton, NG Army
Sgt. Marshall Norton, U.S.M.C.
Corporal Maxwell Hughes, U.S.M.C.
Lt. Matthew Carr, U.S.M.C.
Lt. Victoria Carr, U.S.M.C.



OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Remembering our loved ones who have joined our loving God in eternal rest is truly a gift of our faith. The Book of Remembrance located in the Eucharistic Chapel in the Church (to the left of the Altar). Please write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book so we can remember them in our prayers and at all of our liturgies throughout the month of November. The gift of remembering and praying for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith is a wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

Advent by Candlelight
“O Come Let Us Adore Him”

All ladies of Sacred Heart are invited to join us for this year's Advent by Candlelight on Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00pm. Our theme this year is Oh Come Let us Adore Him and we are so excited to share this experience with you again!

To host a table of guests, or register as an attendee please go to our parish website www.parihofhsacredheart.org and click on the event for the flyer and more details!

Questions, email us at columbiettes1179@gmail.com

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Save the date for Sacred Heart School's Third Annual Diamond Gala!

Place: Deerwood Country Club, 845 Woodlane Road, Westampton, NJ

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019

Time: Cocktail Hour begins at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner and dancing. Semi-Formal attire is requested.

Tickets:

Purchased by November 30 - \$65 per person, or \$120 per couple

By January 4 - \$75 per person, \$140 per couple

By January 25 - \$85 per person, \$160 per couple

We are also currently seeking sponsors for our event! Sponsorship information can be found on the Sacred Heart School bulletin board in the vestibule. For additional information regarding the Gala and/or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jessica Donohue, Gala Committee Chair, at diamondgala@sacred-heart-school.org. We hope you can join us on February 2 for a wonderful evening of celebrating Catholic education at Sacred Heart!!



The Sacred Heart School PTA is bringing back the SCRIP gift card purchasing program to the parish. The SCRIP program is a way for us to continue to support our beloved School. For every gift card that is purchased, a percentage of it goes to the school, but the person who buys the gift card will get the FULL value of every card purchased.

Check out the website at www.shopwithscrip.com and please use code 65BD97421151 for Sacred Heart School. You will be able to purchase gift cards after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses on November 25th or you may drop off an order at any time to the School Office. All purchases can be paid by cash or check made out to "Sacred Heart School - Parish Gift." The Students of your Sacred Heart School truly appreciate your help and support!

VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

Prayer for Vocations

O God, in the past you called men and women to dedicate their lives to you through priesthood and religious life.

Today stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many within our parish community.

Grant them the willingness and generosity to place their lives completely in your hands as priests, brothers and sisters.

Help me to support them by my own fidelity to your call to holiness through prayer & Christian service.

If you desire that one of my family or friends follow you in this way, grant me the wisdom and insight to support and encourage that person to listen to your voice and follow you without delay.

Thank you

for praying for vocations.

*To learn more about the Vocation Prayer Chalice, please call **Ann (609)-267-5836***



Bereavement Support Group

Sacred Heart has a new Bereavement Support group. If you are interested in joining this self-help bereavement support group, please call the Parish Office at 609-267-0209 Extension 305.

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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*“I will give thanks to you
O’ Lord...” Psalm 138:1*

Two of the readings today speak of the “end of time: and in biblical literature are called “apocalyptic” – a word that means “revelations” or “unveiling”.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, we are reminded of our privilege and duty to express gratitude to our Heavenly Father for every good and perfect gift that descends from him through His Beloved Son. We Vincentians, present this St. Vincent de Paul prayer:

Lord Jesus, May the example of St. Vincent de Paul inspire us to be generous of heart and hand to the needy. May our generosity flow from humble gratitude for your many gifts to us rather than from a false pride in our own abilities. We are all needy in our own ways - and so are dependent on your generosity and that of others. Help us to respond willingly to the Gospel call to self-giving love, to look for ways to serve rather than expecting to be served. Amen

The SVDP Pantry is in need of the following:

Tuna, Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Shelf-Stable milk, Canned Fruit, Breakfast Cereal and Bathroom Tissue.

If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to:

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL
Thank you!



PHILLY SOFT PRETZEL FUNDRAISER

The Santa Maria Columbiettes Council #1179 will be hosting a soft pretzel fundraiser after each Mass the weekend of November 17/18. Be sure to stop by and pick up some delicious soft pretzels to enjoy!

THANK YOU



Be an "ANGEL" this Christmas season! The Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society will once again sponsor an "Angel Tree", with the gifts, along with our love, going to families who need special love during this beautiful season. The small tree will be put up in the church vestibule the morning of November 24th, and remain until after the 7pm Mass on December 9th.

Please feel free to take an ornament from the tree and bring an UNWRAPPED NEW gift and place in box under the tree. The gifts will be collected by St. Vincent DePaul members who will distribute them.

Gifts are to be for children of ages 1 to 17 years old. Suggestions for gifts could be new clothing, puzzles, books, games, art supplies, hats, gloves, coats, scarves, sports gear, gift cards, sleep wear, CD's, and DVD's. Any gift you wish would be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for being an "ANGEL" and making someone's Christmas bright and loving.

Any questions, call Joelle Wentz, 609 267 0061



Altar Server Training

Altar Server Training will be held in the Church at 6:45pm on Monday, November 19, 2018.

Anyone in the fourth grade or higher is welcome to join this ministry. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Patrice Tolmayer at 609-267-2582 or ptolmayer@aol.com

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<https://www.kofc.org/joinus>



The Knights of Columbus will be offering “Keep Christ In Christmas” car magnets and lawn signs after all masses during this weekend of Nov 17 and Nov 18. The car magnets are different this year and we hope you will enjoy them. These items make great gift ideas, but quantities of both will be limited. The magnets will sell for \$5.00/each, the lawn signs \$6.00/each, or combine one of each for \$10.00. We thank you for your support.



Blood Drive!

The Knights of Columbus Council 1179 will be hosting our next semi-annual blood drive on Friday, November 23, in the school auditorium. The hours are 10:00am – 3:00pm. Sign-ups will be online. Presenting donors will get a limited edition Red Cross T-shirt (while supplies last). Please use the link at www.redcrossblood.org and search for Sacred Heart Church. You may also contact Tom at njditi@verizon.net. The Red Cross strongly recommends advance sign-ups, but will always do their best to welcome walk-ins as well, time and conditions permitting. We encourage all eligible donors to consider this “life-saving” gift for the holidays!!! This program has always been very successful in the past, and we thank you for your continued support.



Sacred Heart School Holiday Bazaar

Saturday December 8th, 2018

9am – 3pm

250 High St, Mt. Holly NJ

Come Shop Over 40 Local Crafters and Vendors
 Featuring Fabulous Merchandise for the
 upcoming Holiday Gift Giving Season
 Cash and Carry Items, & Credit Card Purchase
 Available

Any Questions Please Contact:

PTAEvents@sacred-heart-school.org



Breakfast with Santa

December 1st, 2018

9:00am to 11:00am Sacred Heart Auditorium
 Come get into the holiday spirit with breakfast,
 crafts, face painting and a visit with Santa Claus!

\$8.00 per person

****Santa LOVES cookies** *Please help us
 welcome Santa by donating a baked good for
 our sweets table**

Sponsored by: Sacred Heart PTA

Please make checks payable to:

Sacred Heart PTA

Send this bottom portion and your payment to
 Kris Guerra c/o Katie Guerra – 3rd Grade by
 December 1st or sooner.

Name: _____

Number of adults attending: _____ x \$8.00 = _____

Number of children attending: _____ x \$8.00 = _____

Total attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Check #: _____

**If donating a baked good, please tell us what you
 plan to bring:**

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Good News Reflection

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018

Daniel 12:1-3

Ps 16:5, 8-11

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Mark 13:24-32

The Second Coming of Christ?

Do you have an unending problem? Where's Jesus? In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks of his Second Coming. And here he hasn't even finished his first coming! How confusing it must have been to the disciples.

They grew even more confused after Jesus died, was resurrected, and ascended to heaven but delayed coming back. They remembered him saying that "this generation" will not pass away until all these Second Coming events have taken place, yet time passed, the apostles began to die off, and Jesus still had not re-appeared in the clouds. The misery of living in this world continued.

Think of your own unending problem. Don't you wish Jesus would hurry up with his Second Coming and destroy all evil? Notice what Jesus said: "When you see these things happening, know that I am near, at the gates." He didn't pin down a date. He didn't give the disciples -- nor us -- a definitive clue about God's timing. ("Of that day or hour, no one knows, not the angels, not even the Son, but only the Father.") So what *was* he trying to convey?

His nearness!

For the past 2000+ years, we have all been part of "this generation" that will not pass away before his Second Coming. It's the generation of Christian humanity, the Body of Christ on Earth in the form of Church community, the generation of children who have been adopted by God the Father through the sacrifice and resurrection of God the Son.

The final era (the "last days") of salvation began on the first Pentecost and will continue until the Second Coming of Christ. It is the age of the Holy

Spirit, when Christ's earthly ministry is continued through us who are empowered by his Spirit.

The lesson in the fig tree is that we can discern when summer is near. In other words, we can discern -- in good times and in bad -- that Jesus is near to us, not in the flesh except during Mass in the Eucharist, but in his Holy Spirit.

Jesus is right now at "the gate" of your next move, your next step on the journey to heaven. A gate is meant to be opened so that we can pass through it. Jesus is opening the gate right now for you -- the gate of holiness, the gate of love. Step through it to live in the fullness of the mission he has planned for you here on earth.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What problems are you waiting to be rescued from? Is Jesus really taking too long, or is there a bigger, better plan he's fulfilling on your behalf? What do you need to do to become more aware of his nearness, his comfort, his joy and peace to help you endure the long wait?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What are the signs that the Church gives us that help us discern the nearness of Christ? What other "fig trees" has Jesus given to you that increase your hope and patience and endurance?

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Jesus cares about you much more than anyone else can. Are you willing to look to him for the fullness of love that you need? What makes you feel unsafe with God? What needs healing or correction in your thinking so that you sit on Daddy-God's lap and feel secure and fully loved?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Describe a time when you gave more than you thought you could give: more money, more love, more time, more patience -- more of anything. What motivated you to be so generous? What were the end results? What did you learn from it?

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Living the Good News Today

“In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that He is near, at the gates.”

On Veterans’ Day (November 11th), my daughter Ann and her 7-year old twins accompanied me on a day trip to New York City (NYC). This was the first time that any of them had experienced Manhattan. As we rode the train, I explained to my grandchildren that we would be doing lots of walking, but they must pay attention. They were going to see many things that we do not have in our local area (my husband Jeff, the perennial “country boy,” would say “*A shoe store on every block!*”). So, when we arrived at Penn Station and ascended to street level, I watched the twins intently as they took in the teeming Manhattan traffic and the towering skyscrapers. Nathan and Zoe were truly speechless for a few minutes. ☺

As a worshipping community, we are now in the last two weeks of Ordinary Time. The Scripture readings continue to build to a crescendo with the urgent message that we do not know the hour, the time, or the place, but we must be ready for Christ’s return. In order to take our Christian call seriously, it is worthwhile this weekend to ask ourselves:

- Do we really appreciate what Christ’s coming means in our daily living?
- Do we know God in an intimate way?
- Do we take to heart what we hear Christ telling us in the holy Gospel?

One of the practices that Jesus taught His followers was how to read the signs of the times around them. It isn’t surprising that people would want to be prepared for what lies ahead. The real distraction for all of us, however (even in Palestine when Jesus preached that the reign of God was at hand), is that we are constantly bombarded by secular distractions that compete with God in our lives. Our choices can be good and poor.

Long before another school year had started, retail stores were loaded with Halloween items. Long before that secular holiday had passed, stores were already assembling “holiday” decorations with artificial trees, wreaths, lighting, outdoor displays, ornaments. Have we taken notice where we place Christ in those preparations? The signs and magnets that the Knights of Columbus are sharing with the parish community are gentle reminders to us that Christ is always the Center of our faith and what we celebrate. It reflects our commitment to Christ in how we prepare to celebrate **holy**days with our families.

While in NYC with my family, I had prepared myself mentally for what we would see as we walked the streets of Manhattan. Along with the tributes to veterans along the way, there were the obvious signs of the extended “holiday” season, with little or no religious sentiments: store windows already dressed with festive characters from movies and books to lure shoppers; the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center in place with

scaffolding around it for festive decorating yet to come; street vendors hawking tickets for the Radio City Rockettes Christmas Spectacular; the new FAO Schwarz toy store preparing to open on Nov. 16 with dazzling store windows; bustling shopping at Bryant Park’s Winter Village; and beautiful artistry already in Macy’s traditional holiday windows. Each one of those experiences was a teaching moment with my grandchildren that Christmas is more than shopping, Santa Claus, and gifts.

On December 2nd (3:00 PM in the auditorium), Sacred Heart will host another annual Christmas Carol Festival. This happens to be the first Sunday of Advent—the beginning of a new liturgical year and a season of longing and waiting. What will we take to heart from this weekend’s Scripture readings? Do we believe that Christ is near to us? Are we committed to preparing our families for an authentic Christmas celebration? Do we care about members of our families who have fallen away from practicing their faith enough to invite them to spend an afternoon together with caroling, delicious refreshments, and fellowship?

The Book of Genesis tells us that God gave us the Sabbath as a day of rest and refreshment. All that it takes for us to enjoy such a special day is to make a commitment on our busy calendars to make this important—to slow down our lives enough to let God enter—the King of glory who is coming!



In his apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate (On the Call to Holiness in Today’s World)*, Pope Francis wrote about “Your Mission in Christ”:

*“A Christian cannot think of his or her mission on earth without seeing it as a path of holiness, for ‘this is the will of God, your sanctification’ (1 Thess 4:3). Each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel. May you come to realize what that Word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. **Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission.** The Lord will bring it to fulfillment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to His supernatural grace, which purifies and enlightens.” (19, 24)*

As parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and neighbors, we will have many opportunities to share our faith from Thanksgiving to Christmas. The Christmas Carol Festival is a wondrous gathering in which we can experience the mystery of God’s love, learning what Ps. 16 reminds us so well:



*“You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in Your Presence.”*

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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WEEKLY PLANNER

SUNDAY November 18th
Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
 RCIA 10:00am LIB & PHCR

 Columbiettes Soft Pretzel Sale 
 Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas
 Yard Signs & Magnets Sale
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm Church

MONDAY November 19th
 Religious Ed. Summer Program 5:30pm – 6:30pm
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm to 8:00pm PHMR
 Altar Server Training 6:45pm Church
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD

TUESDAY November 20th
 No Religious Ed. Fall Program Classes
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR
 SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center
 Basketball 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY November 21st
 School Closed
 No Religious Ed. Fall Program Classes
 Daisy Troop 6:00pm – 7:30pm PHMR
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:15pm Chapel
 KOC Basketball 7:30pm AUD

THURSDAY November 22nd


Happy Thanksgiving

Mass 9:00am
Parish Office, Chapel, and School Closed

FRIDAY November 23rd
Parish Office, Chapel, and School Closed
 Knights of Columbus Blood Drive AUD

SATURDAY November 24th
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm Church
 Angel Tree Begins in the Vestibule of Church



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY November 25th
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 No RCIA
 Religious Ed. Advent Family Day 2:00pm AUD
 Sacred Heart School Scrip Sale
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm Church
 Angel Tree in the Vestibule of Church

MONDAY November 26th
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm to 8:00pm PHMR
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD

TUESDAY November 27th
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR
 SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD

WEDNESDAY November 28th
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
 RCIA Teens 1 yr. Program 4:30pm in the School
 RCIA Teens 5:30pm PHMO
 Daisy Troop 6:00pm – 7:30pm PHMR
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:15pm Chapel
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD

THURSDAY November 29th
 SH School Choir 2:30pm-3:30pm Church
 Music Practice 5:30pm Church
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR
 Adult Choir 7:30pm Church
 KOC Basketball 7:30pm AUD

FRIDAY November 30th
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD

SATURDAY December 1st
 Breakfast with Santa AUD
 Virtus Training 9am to 12pm LIB
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm Church
 Angel Tree in the Vestibule of Church

GATHERING LOCATION KEY

AUD- Auditorium/Gym
Chapel- Adoration Chapel of 2 Hearts- Entrance faces High St., on side of Parish House closest to the School
LIB- Library
PHCR- Parish House Conference Room (Room behind the Library)
PHMO- Parish House Ministry Office (Merry's office)
PHMR- Parish House Meeting Room (Under Library)